

Application No. 10/652,817
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REMARKS

General:

Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14-25, 29, and 30 were pending in the application. By the present amendment, claims 10-12, 23-25, 29, and 30 are canceled. Claims 1-8 and 14-22 are pending after this amendment.

No new matter has been added by this amendment.

35 U.S.C. § 102 rejections:

Claims 10-12, 23-25, 29, and 30 stand rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,547,546 (Prough). All of the rejected claims are now canceled, and the rejections are moot.

Allowable subject matter:

The examiner's indication that claims 1-8 and 14-22 are allowable and allowed is acknowledged with appreciation.

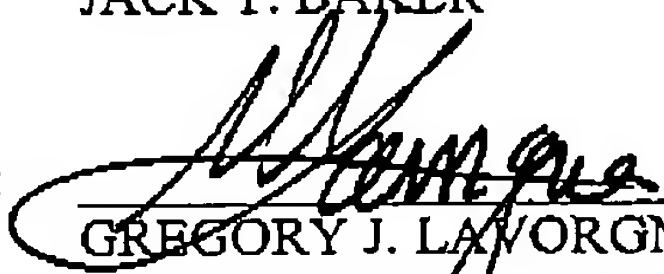
Conclusion:

As all pending claims have been indicated as allowable, and no other ground of rejection or objection is outstanding, a notice of allowance of claims 1-8 and 14-22 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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